

SHE HAD THE DEVIL

A Woman's Excuse for Abusing Her Pious Husband

PREACHER SUES FOR DIVORCE

On the Ground That His Spouse Has Slandered Him to the Neighbors and Otherwise Maltreated Him.

Albert Witham, a preacher of the township of Spencer, has begun suit in the circuit court against his wife, Lotie E. Witham. In his bill he alleges that Mrs. Witham is a woman of violent passions, and of a jealous, suspicious disposition, having disregarded the solemnity of her marriage vows by treating the plaintiff in a cruel and harsh manner, such as using obscene language. He alleges that she struck him in the face with her hands, and otherwise inflicted personal damage upon him. She frequently indulged in sallies of passion and, without provocation, accused him of infidelity.

He claims that she took advantage of every opportunity to slander him among his neighbors, and, as he is a minister of the gospel, brought him into disgrace. The bill then recites:

"The only excuse she would or did make for her outrageous conduct and cruel treatment of your orator was that the devil had taken possession of her. That said defendant frequently threatened to take the complainant's life, and that by reason of her mad passion, which she made no effort to restrain, your orator became apprehensive that she would carry into effect her threat and kill him. That on or about the 25th day of August, 1891, said defendant, while at Oakfield township, told Betsy Witham, the mother of the complainant, that your orator was going to run away and that she was going to 'make away' with said complainant."

"Didn't Turn the Wringer Properly." "That about October 4, 1891, in Lincoln township, Isabella county, and in the presence of one Anna Hart, the defendant called your orator black hearted and other harsh names, and struck him violently in the face with her hands, all because she said your orator would not turn the clothes wringer properly."

"The plaintiff then goes on to say that the actions of his wife are such that he can no longer live with her, and asks for absolute divorce. They were married July 18, 1889, and lived together until November 18, 1891. One child blessed the union, Ernest A., who is now ten years old."

WIFE GETS THE CHILDREN

And the Husband Must Pay Her \$10 a Week Until a Settlement.

In the divorce suit begun by Mary E. Martin against Edward J. Martin, Judge Adair, in pursuance of a petition by the plaintiff, decided that, pending the hearing of the case, the wife shall have the custody of the three minor children until they shall reach the age of fourteen, unless otherwise decreed, and that the defendant shall pay to the plaintiff \$10 per week, beginning February 1, until the settlement of the case. It was shown by the testimony that the defendant was an unfit person to have the custody of the children.

MARITAL INFELICITIES.

Six Disagreeable and Disagreeing Victims in Court.

John Farmer was granted a divorce from his wife, Ellen Farmer, by Judge Adair, yesterday, on the grounds of desertion.

Judge Adair, in the circuit court, yesterday, granted a divorce to Emma Lewis, from her husband, Edwin G. Lewis, on the grounds of non-support.

Circuit Court Commissioner Hughes took the testimony yesterday in the divorce suit of Mary A. Heath against her husband, Ernest L. Heath. The grounds were extreme cruelty and non-support. The evidence was sufficient, and Judge Adair granted the decree about 5 o'clock.

MUST PAY BOARD AND LODGING.

In the divorce case began some time ago by Marie Wilson against her husband, Sherman C. Wilson, Judge Grove yesterday ordered that the defendant pay for complainant's board, \$3 per week, beginning January 22, 1892, payable every two weeks; that on or before March 1, 1892, he must pay a solicitor's fee of \$25 without prejudice to further application, and that all proceedings in the part of the defendant be stayed in the meantime.

NO CAUSE FOR ACTION.

Patrick Finn fails to get damages from the Street Railway Company.

The second trial of the case of Patrick Finn against the Valley City Street and Cable Railroad company was concluded in the circuit court yesterday before Judge Grove. Finn alleges that he fell off a cable car November 16, 1890, at the corner of LeGrand and State streets, thereby injuring himself to such an extent that he thought he ought to have \$5,000 damages. The case was tried before in the same court and Judge Burch took the testimony from the jury and instructed it to bring in a verdict for the defendant. The supreme court reversed the decision and sent the case back for trial. The complainant requested the judge to instruct the jury that if, from the evidence, it was shown that the conductor let off the brake and signaled the car to go ahead before the plaintiff had safely alighted, he was guilty of negligence and a verdict should be rendered for the plaintiff. It was further claimed that the conductor was in duty bound to keep the car at a stand still until the passengers were free. The defendants requested the judge to charge the jury that if it was found from the testimony that the plaintiff did not use due caution in getting off the car; and that if the car did not make a sudden motion backward in the direction from whence it came, the said plaintiff was not entitled to damages. The court made a general charge on the evidence in the case, and after an absence of several hours the jury returned a verdict of no cause for action.

WANTS \$5000 DAMAGES.

Mrs. Cora B. Allen Attacks Valuable Lots to Recover a Debt.

Eugene E. Allen as agent for his wife Cora B. Allen, began attachment proceedings in the circuit court yesterday against Mrs. Stockwell, Austin E. Stockwell, and Edwin C. Allen, complaining the firm of Stockwell, Allen & Co. non-residents of the state. The defendants are owners of lots 3 and 4, block 3, J. Ferry's addition, located on Madison avenue, which are appraised

at \$15,000. The complainant in the case alleges that the defendants are indebted to her in the sum of \$3,000. Damages are placed at \$5,000. Sheriff McQueen served the papers yesterday afternoon.

Paid His Fine for Stealing.

Robert Copeland, the young married man arrested for breaking into Croft's harness shop, No. 13 North Front street, was arraigned in police court yesterday on the charge of burglary. On motion of the prosecuting attorney the burglary part was stricken out, and the respondent pleaded guilty to stealing several whips. He was sentenced to pay \$5.00 or go to the county jail for thirty days. He paid.

Notes of the Courts.

Peter Hughes was arraigned in police court yesterday for stealing a number of napkins from the Woman's Home and Hospital. He said he was not the culprit. He will be tried February 6.

James Dolbee has begun suit in the circuit court against Edward L. Butler to foreclose a mortgage on a lot in Dolbee's addition amounting to \$135.

Given More Time.

In the case of the Grand Rapids School Furniture company against the City of Grand Rapids, decided against the plaintiff, further time has been asked for and granted in which the plaintiffs are to settle or file a case on appeal. The suit was brought to recover taxes paid the city for the opening of North street which the plaintiffs claimed to have paid.

Continuance Denied.

The appellee in the James H. Brown will case, which is to come before Judge Adair for hearing February 15, asked yesterday for a continuance, which was denied. It is predicted that the case will last about three weeks, and prove to be one of the hardest legal fights which has been in the courts for years.

Must Pay For the Butte.

In the case of Chas. B. Lamb and George H. Spencer against Frank J. Lamb, in the circuit court, Judge Adair yesterday rendered a decision for the complainants for \$240.64 and costs. The plaintiffs sent to the defendant a complaint of butter, which he sold and refused to pay for, claiming it was bad.

Guilty and Referred.

George Holman, implicated with James and Thomas Goodwin and Fred Newby in the attempted robbery of Chas. Fishbach's saloon on Ottawa street, was found guilty by a jury in the superior court yesterday. He was referred to County Agent Hathaway for investigation.

Boat House Attached.

Under Sheriff Walsh yesterday served an attachment on and took possession of the Owashtanong Boat Club house at Reed's lake. The suit was begun by Ira Heath, the Monroe street grocer, who has a claim of \$500 against the defunct club.

Her Husband Arrested.

A warrant was issued yesterday for the arrest of Nelson W. Morris for disorderly conduct. The complaint is made under the ordinance and by his wife, who alleges that her spouse does not properly support her.

Druggist Held for Trial.

Frank Curtis, the druggist who was arrested for selling liquor for other than medicinal purposes, was held for trial to the superior court by Judge Haggerty in police court yesterday.

LAW AND LAWYERS.

Circuit Court—Part I.

Judge Adair.

William A. Swarts, et al vs. William T. Lamoreaux, assumpsit; proceedings stayed twenty days.

Mary Wilson vs. Sherman C. Wilson, chancery; order that defendant pay for complainant's support, \$3.00 per week, beginning Jan. 22, 1892, payable every two weeks, also on or before March 1, 1892, pay solicitor \$25 without prejudice to further application, and that all proceedings on part of defendant be stayed in the meantime.

Patrick Finn vs. Valley City Street and Cable Railroad company; verdict of no cause for action.

Circuit Court—Part II.

Judge Adair.

Hattie M. Moore vs. Wilbur W. Smith, chancery, pleadings and proofs submitted; on trial.

Charles B. Lamb and George Spencer, vs. Frank Lamb, assumpsit; judgment for plaintiff for \$240.64 and costs.

In the matter of the estate of James H. Brown, deceased; appeal from Probate court; motion for continuance denied.

Mary R. Heath vs. Ernest L. Heath, chancery decree granted.

John Farmer vs. Ellen Farmer, chancery; decree granted.

Emma Lewis vs. Edward G. Lewis, chancery; decree granted.

Superior Court.

Judge BURLINGAME.

People vs. George B. Holman, attempt to commit robbery; verdict of guilty referred to county agent for investigation.

Grand Rapids School Furniture company vs. City of Grand Rapids; time to settle and the case on appeal extended until March 6.

People vs. Wm. Gingrich, saloon open Sunday; verdict of guilty; sentence deferred until Saturday.

Probate Court.

Judge PERKINS.

Estate of Lorenza N. Denison, deceased; petition for probate of will filed; hearing February 29.

Estate of George D. B. Fairchild, deceased; will admitted to probate and Horace K. Fairchild appointed executor.

Estate of Mathew F. Wolf, deceased; Scott Griswold appointed administrator.

Estate of Mathias J. Thomas, deceased; will admitted to probate and Margaretta Worfel appointed executor.

Estate of Rosalia C. Van Voorthuy.

son, deceased; executor's final account allowed.

Estate of John B. Utter, deceased; executor's final account allowed.

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What Next?

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Masonic Notice.

A special communication of Valley City Lodge No. 36, F. and A. M., will be held in Masonic hall Tuesday, February 2, at 10 o'clock p.m., to attend the funeral of our deceased brother, Ed. D. Benedict. All M. M. in good standing are invited to be present. By order, JOHN RAWSON, W. M. GEO. W. LABOUR, Sec'y.

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